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**AFTER SELMA**

A few days after the Bloody Sunday assaults in Selma, Ala., King led a second march to the scene of the violence. A third march, on March 21, actually made it from Selma to Montgomery. Five months later, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which ushered millions of African Americans and other minorities onto voter rolls in the South. AP



# HISTORY REPEATS

**SELMA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY BRINGS COMPARISONS TO FERGUSON**

**Associated Press**

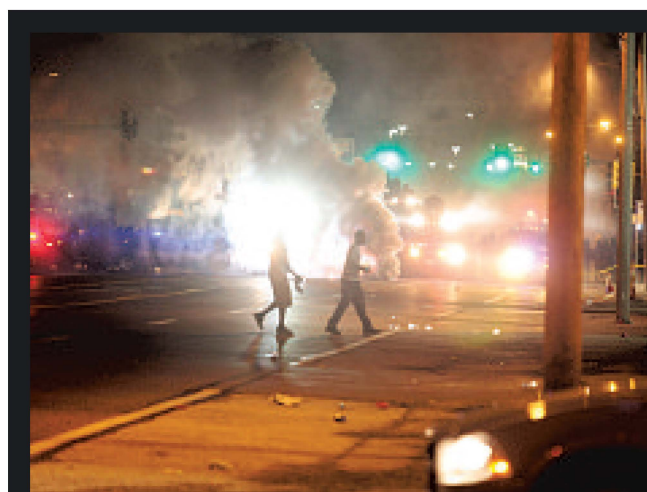
They only lasted minutes, but the beatings of civil rights marchers in Selma, Ala., permanently seared the inhumanity of Southern segregation onto the American conscience.

The images were televised and captured in photographs: Police tear-gassed kneeling protesters, clubbed them and attacked them on horseback behind a civilian posse on Selma's Edmund Pettus Bridge. Five decades later, many were struck by the resemblance as police lobbed tear gas at protesters last year in Ferguson, Mo., after the police shooting death of black 18-year-old Michael Brown.

President Obama and some surviving marchers are going back to Selma this weekend to commemorate the 50th anniversary of that "Bloody Sunday" assault, and to talk about how the country has—and has not—changed since then.

Several Ferguson protesters also plan to go to Selma, hoping to ensure that more Americans will draw parallels between yesterday's and today's struggles.

"It is clear that the struggle continues," said human rights attorney Nicole Lee, who was in Ferguson during the unrest after police decided not to charge officer Darren Wilson in

**ABOVE**

Clouds of tear gas fill the air as state troopers break up a March 7, 1965, demonstration in Selma, Ala., on what became known as "Bloody Sunday," where 84 people were injured. AP FILE PHOTO

**LEFT**

Demonstrators protesting Michael Brown's murder walk past tear gas released by police Aug. 17, 2014 in Ferguson, Mo. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Brown's death.

A grand jury declined to indict Wilson as well last year. The Justice Department said Wednesday that it also would not seek to prosecute Wilson. It did issue a scathing report that called Ferguson's law enforcement practices discriminatory and unconstitutional.

Similar things were said about Selma after the police killing of Jimmie Lee Jackson, 26, who died a few days after being shot in the stomach by Alabama state trooper James Bo-

nard Fowler while trying to protect family members during a melee that broke out after a voting rights protest in February 1965.

A grand jury later declined to indict Fowler, but in 2004, Fowler confessed to a newspaper reporter that he shot Jackson. He said he fired in self-defense after Jackson hit him on the head with a bottle. In 2010, Fowler pleaded guilty to second-degree manslaughter and was sentenced to six months in jail.

Georgia congressman John Lewis, then a

student activist who was beaten severely in Selma, also sees parallels between the 1965 marches and the **#BlackLivesMatter** movement that sprang up after Brown's death. He also sees a major distinction.

"The only thing that is so different [is that] today, I don't think many of the young people have a deep understanding of the ways of non-violent direct action," Lewis said.

Other Selma veterans say they fear their sacrifices are being wasted by those who fail to vote, leading to lack of representation in government and on police forces.

"There was nothing magic about Selma," said Andrew Young, one of Martin Luther King Jr.'s closest aides and an organizer in King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference. "Selma just gave us the right to vote. But if you don't vote, and don't take advantage of that right, you're still living in a pre-Selma age."

African Americans voted at a higher rate than non-Hispanic whites in 2012—66.2 percent versus 64.1 percent—with Obama on the ballot. But voter turnout was down in last year's midterm elections roughly three months after Brown was killed, and dismal in local elections. Fewer than 1,484 of Ferguson's 12,096 registered voters cast ballots in the last mayoral election.



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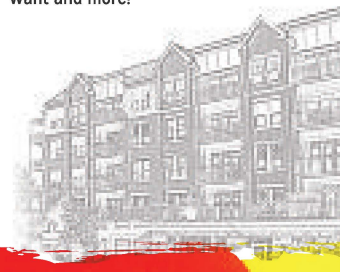
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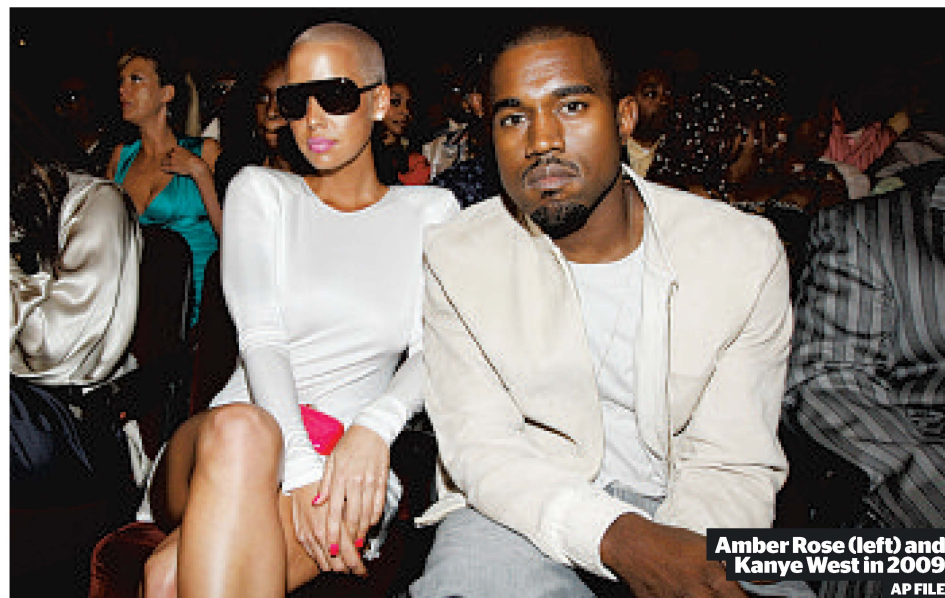
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**Amber Rose (left) and Kanye West in 2009**  
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## Like Amber Rose, don't publicly bash your ex



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Celebrities just can't seem to get over it. Their past relationships, that is.

I mean it's at an all-time high in the past year or so. It's as if no one can find any type of chill. From the ever-so-emotional Chris Brown blasting his on-and-off boo Karrueche Tran on Instagram to Nicki

Minaj and her ex Safaree Samuels dragging each other on Twitter, the drama just won't go away.

However, we all know the hometown kid Mr. Kanye West always has to one-up everyone. During a recent interview with Power 105.1's The Breakfast Club, he had this to say about his ex Amber Rose:

"It's very hard for a woman to wanna be with someone that's with Amber Rose. I had to take 30 showers before I got with Kim. ... She's just soaking in the moment. If Kim had dated me when I wanted, there would be no Amber Rose."

Oh really? So, we're going to act as if Kim didn't ... You know what? Never mind. We all know her history with men.

My question for all celebrity (and non-celebrity) exes is, weren't you once in love, like, lust or something? Out of the same mouth that spewed the most heartfelt things to your significant other, why are you now spewing

hateful words toward that same individual? It just doesn't add up.

Social media is making it WAY too easy for exes to air their dirty laundry and then utilize the power of the Almighty Delete to magically become a happy, in-love couple again. I'm sure Chris Brown definitely can attest to that. After spewing such hateful words toward Karrueche one week—and erasing his posts—the couple was back together in maybe two weeks tops. And this new baby drama with another woman? Spare me!

I can pull up Twitter and Facebook on any given day and witness the same exact thing with non-celebs. It's so ridiculous. Either love them, or leave them alone. And if you leave them alone, PLEASE make a conscious effort to never speak negatively of that person—at least not on social media. I'm all for venting and bashing your former boo as you sit around having a glass of wine with your friends. But let's all choose to draw the line there, OK?

As Amber Rose so eloquently posted following Kanye's interview, they once were in love, and therefore she didn't feel the need to speak ill of him. I'm not saying Amber is a saint or totally innocent, but I think people like Kanye, Chris Brown and Nicki Minaj could and should take a page out of her book. It's best to keep what occurs behind closed doors far, FAR from the public eye.

Respect the person you once loved and live happily ever after with your new boo. That can't be so hard, right?

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# CTA ridership falls 3 percent in 2014

## Chicago Tribune

Buses continued a longtime trend of carrying most CTA passengers in 2014, but bus ridership fell 8 percent from the previous year as rail ridership rose to its highest level in more than 50 years, transit officials were set to announce Friday.

The changes, part of a 3 percent overall CTA ridership decline last year, basically reflect recent local and national ridership trends showing a growing commuter preference for rail, CTA officials said.

The reasons for the 4 percent increase in rail ridership include better service reliabil-

ity on trains compared with buses, which are frequently stuck in heavy traffic; and in bad weather less of a ridership drop-off on rail, presumably because stations provide better protection from the elements than do bus shelters, transit officials said.

In terms of the overall ridership decline, factors included snow and extreme cold in early 2014, transit officials said.

But officials said they were encouraged by the seventh straight year overall in which bus and rail ridership totaled more than a half-billion rides. Total rides last year were 514.5 million, the CTA reported.

Total ridership is forecast to increase to 522.5 million rides this year, according to the 2015 CTA budget. It would represent an increase of 0.7 percent from what the CTA expected for 2014, before the final numbers were out.

Average weekday ridership was 1.6 million in 2014, shaking out to an average of 877,668 rides each day on buses and 752,734 daily on trains, CTA spokeswoman Tammy Chase said.

Rail ridership for the year totaled 238 million rides, the highest level since 1961, officials said. The mark was reached despite the polar vortex winter weather and a reduced number of school days, the CTA said.

CTA officials said the record rail ridership indicates that commuters are responding to modernization efforts. Almost one-third of CTA rail stations either received improvements or were rebuilt in the past four years, officials said. Projects included overhauling tracks on the Dan Ryan branch of the Red Line in 2013 and the ongoing reconstruction of tracks to eliminate slow zones and upgrade stations on the O'Hare branch of the Blue Line.

Bus ridership in 2014 totaled 276 million rides, the CTA said. Officials said they hoped that the decline on buses bottomed out by the end of 2014.

## 200+ tickets for not shoveling sidewalks

### By Leonor Vivanco | REDEYE

More than 200 tickets have been issued to Chicago property owners who failed to clear their sidewalks of snow and ice so far this winter—less than half the number of citations issued last winter.

Residents reported the scofflaws to the city, resulting in more than 5,000 complaints to the city this winter, which saw less snow compared with last year. A total of 40.7 inches of snow fell in Chicago this winter defined by the National Weather Service from Dec. 1 through the end of February, meteorologist Charles Mott said. That's compared with the 67.4 inches of snow that dropped on the city last winter.

Chicago businesses, landlords and homeowners are required to clear a five-foot-wide path under a city ordinance. They're supposed to clear the sidewalk within three hours if the snow falls during the day before 4 p.m. with the exception of Sunday. If the snow falls on Sunday or after 4 p.m., property owners have until 10 a.m. the next day to remove it from the sidewalk, according to the ordinance.

But property owners don't always do what they're supposed to do.

The city fielded 5,134 complaints lodged by people reporting uncleared sidewalks, said Mike Claffey, spokesman for the city's transportation department. He said some of those complaints could be duplicates. He could not immediately provide the number of complaints lodged last winter.

Most of the tickets were issued after Su-



Kristen Delap, 31, walks last month on a sidewalk that was not completely shoveled in Logan Square. TING SHEN PHOTO FOR REDEYE

per Bowl Sunday—Feb. 1—when Chicago got socked with 16.2 inches of snow, the most snow this winter on a single day and the fourth largest one-day total in Chicago history, according to the weather service and the city. The other three snowiest days in Chicago history: 18.6 inches on Jan. 2, 1999; 16.5 inches on Jan. 13, 1979; and 16.4 inches on Jan. 26, 1967, said Mott.

After a complaint comes in to the city, inspectors are dispatched to the sites and try to work with property owners to get the sidewalks cleared, Claffey said. They found 852 sites cleared of snow when they visited the

locations but also issued 2,119 warnings, he said. Details about the balance of complaints weren't available.

The city ended up handing out a total of 213 citations this winter season from October through this week to property owners for failing to clear the sidewalk of snow and ice, Claffey said. The citations carry a fine of \$50 for individuals and up to \$1,000 for businesses.

According to CDOT, the city wrote 445 tickets last winter, 24 tickets in the winter of 2012, 1 ticket in the winter of 2011 and 50 tickets in the winter of 2010.

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## THE DIGIT \$92M

Amount Northwestern alum Louis Simpson and his wife, Kimberly Querrey, have given to support biomedical research programs at the university, in particular regenerative medicine. The university's new biomedical research center, which will be part of the academic medical campus in Chicago, will be named for them. Combined with a prior gift, Simpson and Querrey have donated \$117.8 million to Northwestern's ongoing fundraising campaign. TRIBUNE

## EXPRESS LINES

- » State employee unions on Thursday sued to try to block Gov. Rauner's executive order that withholds from unions the fees they are supposed to receive from workers who choose not to become members.
- » Dozens of demonstrators protesting the lack of trauma care on the South Side blocked northbound traffic during rush hour on Michigan Avenue near Water Tower Place on Thursday. The group's protest was timed with a University of Chicago fundraiser a block away from the Ritz Carlton.
- » Two boys and two men were wounded Thursday in separate shootings on the city's Far South, South and Northwest sides, police said. TRIBUNE



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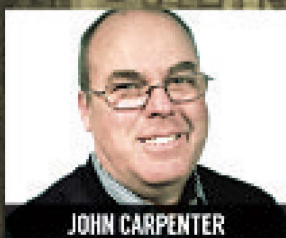
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## CTA train reroutes, other projects to start

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

Fard Muhammad, of Evanston, is preparing for stop-and-go traffic Monday morning on his ride to work—not on the roads to his Loop job, but on the CTA tracks.

Muhammad, who takes the Purple Line Express from Evanston into the Loop in the mornings to his computer programming job, could have a commute that's four to six minutes longer starting Monday.

That's when the CTA will begin rerouting southbound Purple Line Express trains onto Red Line tracks on the North Side and forcing Purple Line Express trains to make three new stops on their way to the Loop over the next year amid trackwork near the Wilson Red Line stop, which is undergoing renovation.

Purple Line Express riders likely will see the lengthiest delays, but Red Line riders who travel from the North Side to the Loop in the mornings could see two- to four-minute delays, CTA spokesman Brian Steele said. Northbound Purple Line Express and Red Line service will not be affected during this phase of the project and the Wilson stop will remain open during construction, Steele said.

Though Muhammad has a car, he said he plans to budget extra time for the reroutes.

"Driving would be too expensive at this point—especially with parking. I'll stick with the Purple [Line] and just anticipate longer travel times," said Muhammad, 35.

Some North Side and suburban riders like Muhammad are bracing for commuting headaches over the next year as the CTA demolishes and reconstructs the southbound Purple Line Express track next to Uptown's Wilson stop, which is being rebuilt as a permanent transfer point for the Purple Line Express in a

\$203 million project.

Purple Line Express trains, which typically operate nonstop between the Howard stop in Rogers Park and the Belmont stop in Lakeview during rush hours, will be rerouted onto Red Line tracks for about 2 miles between the Lawrence Red Line stop in Uptown and the Belmont stop until spring of 2016.

Because they are operating on Red Line tracks, Purple Line Express trains will stop at the Sheridan, Wilson and Addison Red Line stations on the North Side.

"We are encouraging customers, especially the first couple days of the project, to allow extra time in their commute," Steele said.

The Wilson project, which is being paid for with local, state and federal funds, began in the fall and is expected to be complete by the end of 2017. The CTA also will add elevators to make the stop accessible for wheelchair riders.

The city on Monday also will begin work on two major construction projects in the Loop.

Starting March 16, the city will be closing traffic lanes on westbound Madison Street at Wabash Avenue and on southbound Clinton Street at Randolph Street as it begins work on its new \$32 million Loop Link express bus system, which is expected to reduce commute time for six CTA bus routes.

Also March 16, the Loop's Madison/Wabash stop will close permanently. The city is building a \$75 million Washington/Wabash station that will be a combination of the Madison/Wabash stop and the Randolph/Wabash stop.

Those who normally use the Madison/Wabash stop can walk two blocks north or south to catch Loop trains during construction, which is expected to last 18 months.

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# Most Americans support same-sex marriage: survey

In the late 1980s, support for gay marriage essentially was unheard of in America. Just a quarter century later, it's now favored by a clear majority of Americans.

That dramatic shift in opinion is among the fastest changes ever measured by the General Social Survey, a comprehensive and widely respected survey from NORC, an independent research organization based at the University of Chicago that has measured trends on a huge array of American attitudes for more than four decades.

Support for a right of same-sex couples to marry has risen 8 percentage points in the past two years and jumped 45 points since the question was first asked in 1988, when only 11 percent of Americans said they agreed with the idea. The survey now finds that only a third of Americans are opposed to gay marriage.

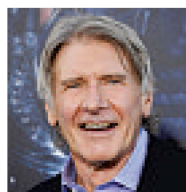
"Many things don't change a lot. Most things change very slowly," said Tom W. Smith, director of the General Social Survey. "This is one of the most impressive changes we've measured."

The release of the 2014 survey comes as federal courts have rapidly increased the number of states where same-sex couples can legally marry, and as marriage licenses are now being issued in at least 36 states. The U.S. Supreme Court is expected before July to rule on whether states can legally exclude gay and lesbian couples from marrying, or if those bans violate the U.S. Constitution.

The survey found that 56 percent of Americans overall now agree that gay and lesbian couples should have the right to get married, up from 48 percent who said so in 2012.



A Delta plane that skidded off a LaGuardia Airport runway while landing during a snowstorm and crashed through a chain-link fence is evacuated on Thursday, in this photo taken by New York Giants player Larry Donnell, who was one of the plane's passengers. Six people suffered non-life-threatening injuries, according to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. **AP**



## Actor hurt in plane crash

**Harrison Ford** was hurt Thursday after his vintage plane crashed on the Penmar Golf Course in Venice on the west side of Los Angeles, a source said. Ford, 72, is an avid aviator who is often seen flying vintage planes out of Santa Monica Municipal Airport. It's unclear if the plane was taking off or landing at the Santa Monica airport, which is located about two blocks from the golf course.

## Ringling Bros. to give up elephant acts in 3 years

The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus will phase out the show's iconic elephants from its performances by 2018. Executives from Feld Entertainment, Ringling's parent company in Polk City, Fla., said growing public concern about how the animals are treated led to the decision.

## Jodi Arias jury: We were 11-1 for death penalty

Jurors in Phoenix who deadlocked on the punishment for Jodi Arias, convicted of killing her lover Travis Alexander in 2008, said Thursday that they were 11-1 in favor of the death penalty. It means the judge will sentence Arias on April 13 to either life in prison or a life term with the possibility of release after 25 years.

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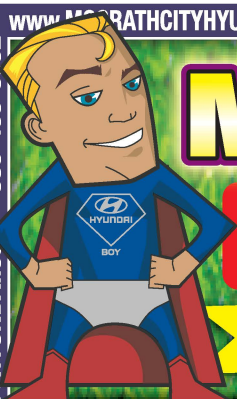
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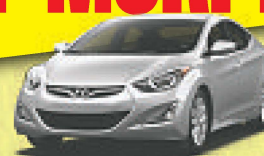
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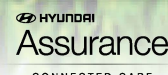
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**FIRE DRAWN TO SCOTTISH MIDFIELDER'S CREATIVITY—IS A REVIVAL IN STORE?**

Chicago Fire player Shaun Maloney practices at the team's training facility.

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By Chris Sosa | REDEYE

**S**top Jon Busch if you've heard this before.

"[The team] has a great history, but it's been a long time since this club's been on the front foot," the Fire backup goalkeeper said. "I think everybody here wants to get this club back to where it should be."

Busch, in his second tour with the Fire, could have been referencing almost any Chicago pro team. But as it pertains to his own, the Fire might be closer to a turnaround than it might appear.

They recorded an MLS record 18 ties in 2014—out of 34 games—and finished 13 points out of a playoff spot. Though transform a handful of those draws into wins and it's a different story.

How will they go about that in 2015? With several new faces, including Shaun Maloney. The Scottish midfielder is one of the Fire's prized offseason signings; his experience includes time in the English Premier League.

"They drew a lot of games, which you can look at as both a positive and negative," said Maloney, 32. "With the signings that they've made, we've got to try and turn some of those draws into wins with creativity, and that's part of my big role."

Having scored the fifth-fewest goals in the league last season, Maloney's offensive capabilities have his teammates practically giddy.

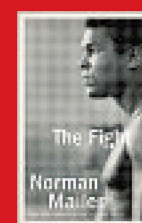
"You can tell he's comfortable with attacking in the final third and finding that threading pass," said Fire forward Quincy Amarikwa, who led the team with eight goals in 2014. "I'm looking forward to playing with him and hopefully being on the receiving end of some through balls."

Amarikwa also believes Maloney has an advantage that goes unnoticed.

"He's got tiny feet, like a size 6 or 7," he said, adding the average shoe size on the Fire is probably 9 or 10. Because of that, "he's able to hit a really solid, dipping free kick. He can get his whole foot on a certain angle on the ball that people

## SHAUN MALONEY'S READING LIST

Looking to start a conversation with new Fire midfielder Shaun Maloney? Start with books. His reading list mostly consists of nonfiction, although he has a soft spot for a certain boy wizard. **c.s.**



### Last great book you've read?

"Norman Mailer, 'The Fight.' I'm starting to have a real keen interest in the boxing of that era, obviously with Muhammad Ali coming through. The book was superb. It was the first Norman Mailer book I've read and I don't think it will be the last."



with bigger feet might have difficulty replicating.”

Part of Maloney’s motivation for signing with the Fire, even though he had offers from Premier League clubs, was to expand his horizons while he can still play soccer for a living.

“I wanted to try a new country, a completely new life experience,” said the Scottish national team veteran, who was born and spent the first few years of his life in Malaysia. “Within that, I’m still obviously very motivated for football. When I spoke to the manager and the owner, I bought into completely what they were trying to do here.”

As fans and his teammates become more familiar with him, Maloney is observing Chicago’s healthy obsessions.

“I know it’s a huge sports city,” he said. “Pretty much since I’ve been here I’ve been looking out for the basketball team. My roommate with the team [Busch] is a big ice hockey fan, so we’ve been watching the Blackhawks.”

That ought to win over a sizable portion of Chicago right there. And when Maloney and Busch aren’t training or watching hockey, TV is one subject they tackle.

“We’ve been going back and forth on what silly TV shows we watch,” Busch said. “Everything from ‘Storage Wars’ to ‘The Blacklist’ to ‘The Voice.’ He was actually trying to tell me that in the U.K. that they came up with ‘The Voice’ before we did. We had a good debate on that.”

So who won?

“Bottom line, he lost,” Busch said, laughing.

If that’s one of only a few losses the Fire have all season, they will take it. Same goes for all the reasons the team signed him.

“He’s great with the ball at his feet. He’s got good vision. He’s strong on the ball even though he’s not the biggest boy,” Busch said of Maloney, who’s listed as 5-foot-7. “You can see he commands the ball and he’s a leader. With the rebuilding of this club, you need players like that.”

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#### Best book about an athlete you’ve read?

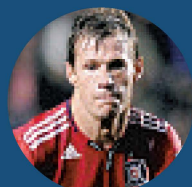
Andre Agassi, “Open.” “The first chapter of that, as a sportsman, hits you pretty hard. You can relate to it.”

#### Book you’re most embarrassed to say you’ve read?

“I certainly read all the ‘Harry Potter’ books. There was a period in my early 20s where reading those books was great escapism, but I’m not embarrassed about that. At the time everyone was raving about ‘The Da Vinci Code.’ I was a pretty strong advocate not to read it, and then I read it and it was actually very good.”

## FROM ACROSS THE POND

Shaun Maloney is one of 12 players to join the Fire after having played in the English Premier League, widely accepted as the top soccer league in the world. The 10 players who have seen action with the team (Guly do Prado also joined the club in 2015) have combined for 36 goals in 225 games. ● = goals scored



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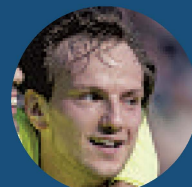
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2	Who's most excited about spring training games getting under way?	Jay Cutler. Deep down he knows Bears fans won't get sidetracked.	Kris Bryant because he is not a minor-leaguer anymore, right?	Little League coach Chris Janes, who gets to dime out the Cubs and Sox for playing outside Chicago.	Glenn Moskowich, 43, a welder from North Platte, Neb.	Those monitoring the progress of the Samardzija mullet.
3	Those "\$UH" billboards—should he be flattered or insulted?	Flattered. I'm rich. [bleep]	Probably insulted that there's a question mark at the end.	He can read?	He should be ashamed he's never been on a team that's won a playoff game.	He should be Super \$toked!
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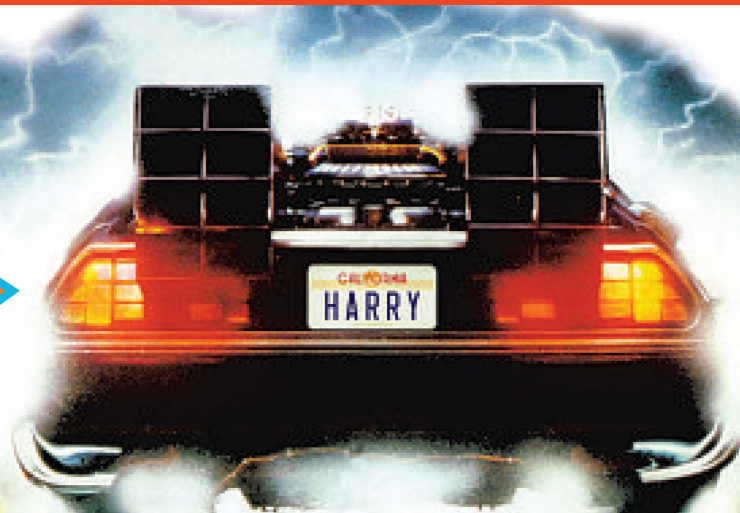
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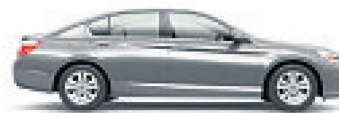
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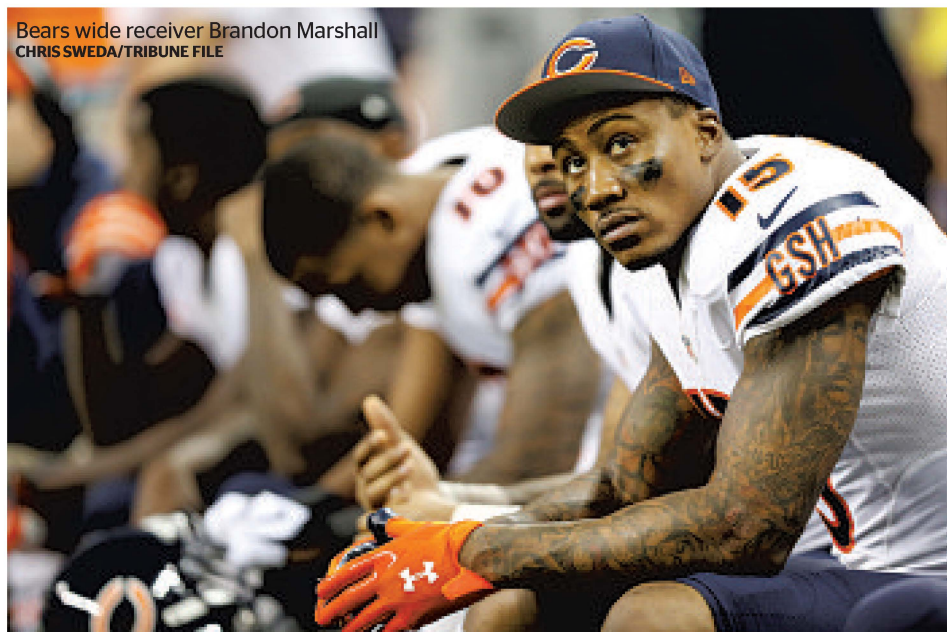
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Bears wide receiver Brandon Marshall  
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## One Bear might be out ...

This is the trouble with fake Twitter accounts and having two NFL players with the same name.

While it was reported by the Tribune that the Bears are exploring trade options for receiver Brandon Marshall, one tweeter jump-started a firestorm Thursday. **@RapSheel**, just one letter off from **@RapSheet**, the account of the NFL Network's Ian Rapoport, tweeted

that Marshall had been dealt to San Diego.

Fueling confusion was the "other" Brandon Marshall, as in the Denver Broncos linebacker.

"I wish the Bears would try and trade me.. We gon have problems," he tweeted.

Meanwhile, the Bears' Marshall hasn't gone anywhere yet. If he's still with Chicago by March 12, his base salary of \$7.5 million for 2015 becomes fully guaranteed.

## While another definitely is?

**Lance Briggs** has played his last game as a Chicago Bear. According to Comcast SportsNet Chicago's Jen Lada, the team will not offer the veteran linebacker a contract in 2015.

Briggs has played his entire career with the Bears to this point, though CSN said he might receive an offer from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He has 936 tackles, 15 sacks, 16 interceptions and 16 forced fumbles in 12 years with Chicago. Briggs, who also has said he wants to retire a Bear, is a seven-time Pro Bowler.

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## 'Every other city is stup

Spencer Tweedy on his hometown, working with his father and why 'dad rock' is a terrible term

By Josh Terry | REDEYE

On paper, Spencer Tweedy doesn't seem like an average 19-year-old.

After all, he's the son of Wilco frontman Jeff Tweedy; spent his childhood at Lounge Ax, the historic former club co-owned by his mother, Sue Miller; co-founded The Blisters at age 7; and last year released "Sukierae," a loving and fun album he made with his father under the name Tweedy. He's also appeared on albums from American music legends, like Mavis Staples' "One True Vine" and most recently, Pops Staples' posthumous effort "Don't Lose This," released in early February.

He's currently gearing up for Tweedy's 2015 tour, which kicks off Friday and Saturday at the Vic Theatre. Considering the project's hometown debut at Taste of Chicago 2014 was rained out and canceled, the two-night stint will serve as Tweedy's big Chicago introduction, especially for fans who missed their intimate and semi-secret appearance at Lincoln Hall last July.

While not many people his age are successful, touring musicians, Spencer (who lives in on the Northwest Side) comes off as a normal, down-to-earth teenager during our phone interview. He's also polite and thoughtful. In fact, in conversation he subtly took on some of his dad's mannerisms as he spoke warmly and candidly on his future, his love of pickles and why "dad rock" is a bad way to describe music.

### His college plans:

"I'm going to get out of the city, but I'm intent on coming back as soon as possible. I'm a die-hard Chicagoan, and I think that every other city is stupid and I don't want to live anywhere else."

"I'll be attending a liberal arts school in Wisconsin. It's not too far from home, which was part of my choice for that because I want to be able to come home when I need to or if there's a show in Chicago I want to see. I'm leaning towards English right now but with liberal arts you never know."

### On Tweedy's big hometown live debut at the Vic:

"I'm extremely excited. That was such a bummer last summer when Taste of Chicago was canceled. It's cool that now we get to do two nights and that all my friends are going

to be there. ... A funny thing is that the very first stage we played on together was the Vic. Before our first official show we played a rehearsal there, just so it wouldn't be the very first time we ever stepped foot on a stage."

### What's changed since he started touring with Tweedy:

"I definitely feel like I've grown more confident as a performing musician. I had to develop some sea legs in the beginning, being the youngest in the band and looking up to all the other musicians. These are bigger shows than I've ever played before, and that's awesome, but it's also a little more demanding."

### The most bizarre item on his rider:

"Pickles. I wasn't the first to put it on there, but I'm a proud Jew and I love a good dill pickle."



Jeff Tweedy (left) and  
Spencer Tweedy

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**What it's like to grow up with Wilco:**

"Growing up, I never really listened to Wilco while my dad was home, just 'cause it feels really weird. But I listen to a lot of Wilco, and I love the band. It never got in the way of my appreciation for them, but sometimes I put on headphones instead of speakers if my dad is around."

**Why he hates the term "dad rock":**

"I think it's dismissive and snarky. I try to have a good sense of humor about it. My Dad is graceful and diplomatic, and he refuses to be prickly in public about that term. I, on the other hand, am a little bit farther removed from it. I'm a scrappy little dude, and I don't have a problem saying it makes me upset sometimes. I don't like what it insinuates, and frankly, I think it's bull[bleep]."



Tweedy performs with The Blisters during Lollapalooza in 2013. ANTHONY SOUFFLE/TRIBUNE FILE

**His favorite Wilco record:**

"I don't know if I'm comfortable saying 'favorite,' but one that's really special to me is 'Summerteeth.' That album has a special place in my heart just because I was about four or five years old when they were working on it. I have a lot of nice memories of listening to it with my mom and with my dad on the road."

**Whether he's told his dad that any record of his "wasn't really my favorite":**

"We've never had that conversation. Sometimes my dad will tell me stories about being on the road and having a fan come up to him after a show and say, 'So Jeff, 'Wilco (The Album),' that really sucked, right?' But no, it's offensive; it's a piece of art that they made."

**On the Blisters, which has been around for 12 years, a tenure longer than Wilco's current incarnation:**

"We've been around longer than the Beatles survived too. [jokingly] We're also better

than the Beatles. [Laughs.] I'm just kidding. The plan with the Blisters is that we just get together when everybody's home. We played a couple of shows this winter break, and those went well. The band is really special to me because we've been together so long and they're some of my best friends. I don't know, maybe we'll record again sometime but for right now, we'll just see what happens."

**On the future of Tweedy:**

"I don't think it's going to be a one-off project. I don't know when we'll have the opportunity to put out another release. But with the insane luxury of having your own recording studio and having a studio engineer who's a best friend of ours, we can record whenever. We've also worked on a ton of stuff since 'Sukierae' came out. My feeling is that some of it will see the light of day, but some of it will see the vault. Right now, there are no plans for a release, but I think we're both intent on still doing stuff."

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**LOOK FAMILIAR?**

When RedEye photo editor Lenny Gilmore walked with Spencer Tweedy to Marina City for a photo shoot Thursday, Tweedy slyly joked, "I see what you guys are doing."

Any Wilco fan will recognize the towers, which were famously used on the cover of Wilco's 2002 album, "Yankee Hotel Foxtrot." The buildings were photographed for that cover by Sam Jones (who later directed a documentary about the album called "I Am Trying To Break Your Heart") and were made into the iconic artwork by the band's longtime graphic designer, Lawrence Azerrad.

Jeff Tweedy, the lead singer of Wilco and Spencer's dad, and the rest of the group chose from hundreds of potential cover treatments before landing on the corn-cob-shaped structures. They made the right decision, especially since so many of the band's fans still refer to Marina City as "the Wilco Towers." JT

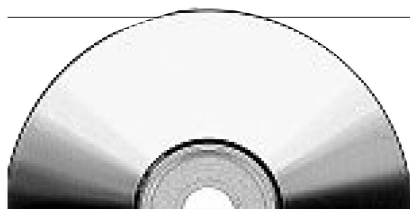




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Happy Valley



## Happy Valley

Amir Bar-Lev's latest documentary is ostensibly about the scandal that erupted at Penn State

when assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky was accused of sexually abusing young boys. But as with Bar-Lev's earlier films "My Kid Could Paint That" and "The Tillman Story," this one is really about much more. "Happy Valley" uses the Sandusky story and what came after—including the downfall of respected coach Joe Paterno—to discuss the different ways tribalism affects how people process a major event. As Penn State fans circle the wagons and come up with excuses for appalling behavior from their idols, Bar-Lev considers how it's human nature to pick sides and to turn a complicated situation into something with one-dimensional heroes and villains.

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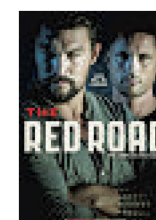
## R100

Japanese cult filmmaker Hitoshi Matsumoto has made one of his strangest and most poignant mov-

ies yet in this semi-erotic comedy about a morose shop clerk who signs a contract with a company that sends out dominatrixes to humiliate him. When the women start threatening his job and family, the hero is alarmed to find that he can't cancel the service; he then ends up caught in the middle of a long-standing war between government agents and an army of sadists. "R100" is part slapstick, part pulp and part avant-garde; ultimately, it's a meta-comment on how some people have eclectic tastes in "entertainment."



The Red Road



## The Red Road: The Complete First Season

Though SundanceTV has yet to estab-

lish itself as a major player in the original cable drama market, both of its efforts have been strong: first "Rectify" and now "The Red Road." The six hourlong episodes, which follow a small town sheriff (played by Martin Henderson) and a bruiser (Jason Momoa) from a nearby Native American tribe as they try to get the bottom of an awful crime. Like "True Detective," "The Bridge," "Justified" and other recent cable cop shows, "The Red Road" uses a criminal investigation as a way to explore social structures and regional quirks in sophisticated and exciting ways.

**Extras:** Three featurettes



Listen Up Philip



## Listen Up Philip

Jason Schwartzman defines "lovably awful" in Alex Ross Perry's corrosive comedy, playing a misanthropic young author who's rude to everyone—because that's what he thinks literary geniuses are supposed to do. The movie works not just because Schwartzman's so funny as a raging jerk but also because Perry makes

daring structural and visual choices. He divides the narrative among Philip, his ex-girlfriend (played by Elisabeth Moss) and his surly mentor (Jonathan Pryce), letting each be the center of the story for long stretches. Ross also gives "Listen Up Philip" the weathered, sun-dappled look of a late-1960s counterculture picture. The movie has the feels of both a keenly observed novel and a lovely art film.

**Extras:** A commentary track, deleted scenes, and a featurette



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Likely fascinating only to people who can't believe celebrities get constipated too, "Maps to the Stars" attempts to cross-reference the perverse cultural jealousy that turns actors into icons with the reality that all humans are subject to the same debilitating insecurity and potential awfulness.

Especially when told their [bleep] don't stink.

Struggling actress Havana Segrand (Golden Globe-nominated Julianne Moore) declares that she needs a new "chore whore" (what you would call "an assistant") and hires Agatha (Mia Wasikowska), who's been in L.A. approximately five minutes but gets an in with her future employer after befriending Carrie Fisher

**Maps to the Stars**  
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on Twitter. Havana also relates to Agatha, who was badly burned in a fire that resulted in estrangement from her family, since Havana's mother, also an actress, died in a fire.

This is yet another movie in which people constantly are seeing visions of the dead, from Havana glimpsing her mom to ultra-obnoxious, 13-year-old actor Benjie (Evan Bird) haunted by images of, among others, a young girl he visits in the hospital before she passes away. It's surprising that director David Cronenberg ("A History of Violence," "Eastern Promises"), who's built a career on movies with something provocative to say, considered Bruce Wagner's script up to par; rarely does "Maps to the Stars" seem like anything but a contrived soap opera of extreme Hollywood caricatures of Hollywood types.



Mia Wasikowska (left) and Julianne Moore in 'Maps to the Stars'

Havana asking limo driver/actor Jerome (Robert Pattinson, the guy being driven around in Cronenberg's "Cosmopolis"), who's dating Agatha, "Are my holes better?" while trying to make herself feel better about her age, registers as impossible to take seriously rather than profoundly sad. Though it's not hard to imagine how Benjie's earning \$300,000 a week at the age of 9 turned him into the bigoted, awful teenager he is today.

The forthcoming "Clouds of Sils Maria," which co-stars Juliette Binoche and Kristen Stewart and played the 2014 Chicago

International Film Festival, has far superior performances and a richer look into what it's like to be famous and flailing. In fact, Cronenberg's son Brandon also made a stranger and better movie about society's celebrity obsession: In 2013's "Antiviral," people pay to have stars' viruses injected into their bodies. In "Maps," Benjie talks about people paying to own his feces. At this point nothing is shocking, and perhaps the great, ironic tragedy of this drama about status obsession is that, like its subjects, the movie is unaware of just how little it has to contribute.

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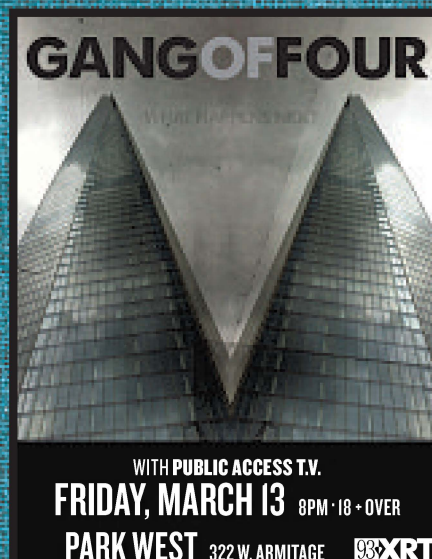
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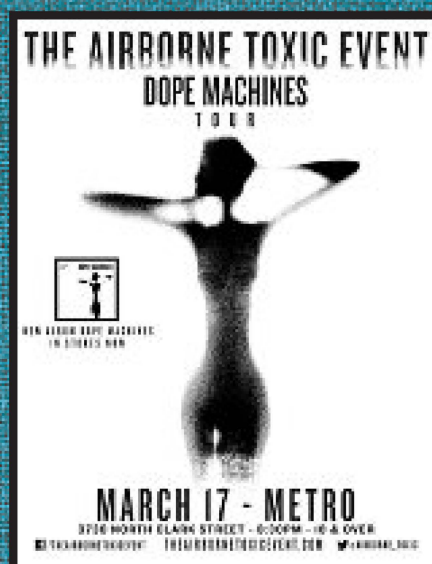


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## movies



Dev Patel in 'Chappie'

## A miserable, lazy heap of spare parts

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"OH COME ON."


That phrase is poorly scrawled multiple times throughout my notes for "Chappie," director Neill Blomkamp's latest half-assed contribution to Hollywood's "There are many movies about artificial intelligence, but this one is mine" genre. The movie con-

tains so many laughably large plot holes and unrealistic occurrences that if I ran the script through my college Dell laptop, it would become self-aware, laugh softly and blow up.

Deon (Dev Patel) is a genius engineer who develops a small army of police robots to fight crime in Johannesburg for the weapons corporation run by Michelle (Sigourney Weaver). Despite thwarting 30 major crime rings in the city, Deon still works in a cubicle and lives in a studio apartment, where he quietly (and successfully) completes an artificial intelligence program completely by himself.

OH COME ON.

This doesn't sit right with fellow engineer Vincent (Hugh Jackman), whose human-controlled war machine has been defunded in lieu of Deon's legion. Vincent isn't keen on the idea of autonomous hunks of metal patrolling the streets, as a human with "morals" ultimately should be in control. That ideal goes out the "Chappie" crapper later, but not before we meet the gang of thugs hell-bent on kidnapping Deon for his robotic prowess, played by real-life South African rappers

 **Chappie**  
R

Ninja and Yolandi Vissir of Die Antwoord.

OH COME ON.

Once Deon is rifle-whipped and abducted, it's revealed that Deon conveniently has all the makings for Chappie, the world's first artificially intelligent bot, in the back of his truck! Let him just go get it and assemble it for you in your colorful crap-hole of a rundown, roofless slum! Yes, it totally works! But Chappie is a mere child and still needs to be conditioned into the killing machine you desire.

OH COME ON.

This sets in motion the rest of the film, which delivers a titanium-beam-to-the-skull allegory for the God/parent/child dynamic that's so forced and so overplayed that several lines of dialogue in the film caused the most laughter I've heard at a non-comedy since "The Boy Next Door." Oh, and did I mention that at one point in the film, Ninja actually is wearing a Die Antwoord tank top?

OH COME ON.

There are a few tiny saving graces. The colorful, detailed art throughout the slums where Chappie spends his brief adolescence is a departure from the bleak brown and dim palette of Blomkamp's infinitely better "District 9." And the CG and motion capture in the film is at times effective enough to truly evoke sympathy for poor Chappie.

Everything else in this bloated failure of a sci-fi scrap heap falls as flat as Jackman's mullet, sported non-ironically throughout the entire film.



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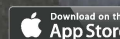
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# Seriously, who cares?



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"Unfinished Business," the latest photocopy of every Vince Vaughn movie in the past 10 years, features exactly three more onscreen penises than "Fifty Shades of Grey." That is to say it features exactly three penises, which you'll find poking through glory holes in a gay nightclub scene

that's not nearly as homophobic as it could have been—a fact that probably earned this movie an additional star. (They're probably prosthetics, but whatever.)

Vaughn, whose line-free forehead is becoming larger and tighter by the day, stars as Dan Trunkman, a beleaguered St. Louis swarf salesman so fed up with his boss, Chuck (Sienna Miller, who is not a funny person), that he packs up his cardboard box to form his own company. (Swarf, in case you're wonder-

## Unfinished Business

ing, is a real-life term for metal shavings left over from construction projects.) Joining him are Timothy (Tom Wilkinson), laid off for being too old, and Mike (Dave Franco), who's almost as unintelligible and garbled as my cousin who used drugs to melt his own brain. They post up in their new office, the local Dunkin' Donuts, and one year later are on the verge of making their first big deal when OUT OF NOWHERE, the dastardly Chuck swoops in to steal the account, leading the trio abroad in search of "the handshake."

A not-insignificant portion of "Unfinished Business" centers on Dan's guilt over the strain work has put on his relationship with his walking stereotype children (Britton Sear, Ella Anderson), though it fails to give his wife June Diane Raphael, wildly underused) so much as a first name. Well, he's not that guilty—in order to get out of important con-



Vince Vaughn (from left), Tom Wilkinson and Dave Franco in "Unfinished Business"

versations, like whether the family can afford private-school tuition, Dan fake-freezes during FaceTime conversations. It's a malfunction so funny, they use it twice!

I only can presume that Vaughn sold his soul somewhere between St. Louis and Germany, because "Unfinished Business" certainly doesn't have one. There is not one single character you'll empathize with

(except for maybe one bong-smoking kid at a youth hostel), and Dan's lack of passion for the swarf industry means you won't care if he and the gang land the deal, either. "Unfinished Business" is so boring, writer Steven Conrad tries to make a joke out of whether a Pepsi machine is shaped like a square or a rectangle. Clearly he didn't care about anything happening in this movie either.

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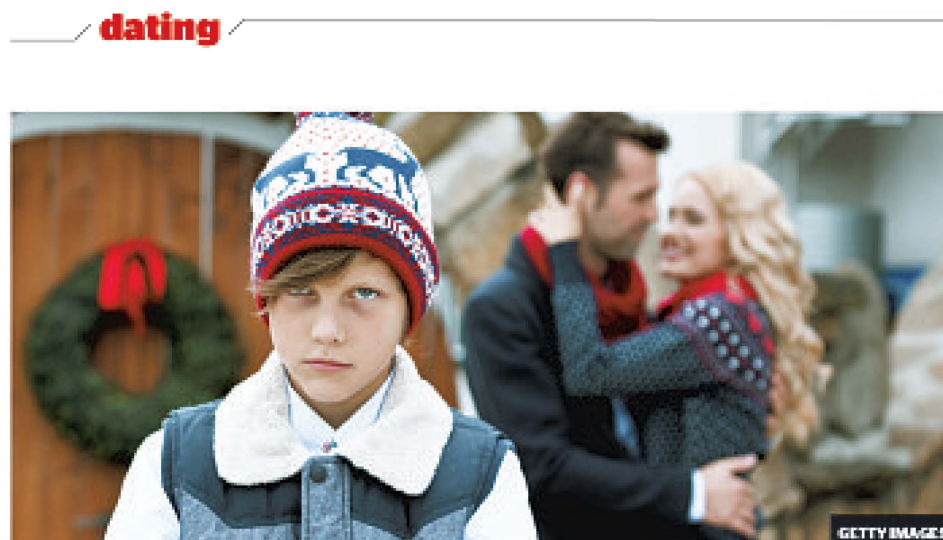
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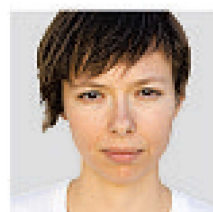
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## I've fallen into the dating-a-parent trap



**Anna Pulley**

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**Dear Anna,**  
I am a guy who just recently fell in love with a girl who has kids. I know that my parents will be livid if they find out. What should I do?  
—Confused

**Dear Confused,**  
Assuming you are at least 18 years of age and no longer live with your parents, tell them:

"Guess what, parents. I met an amazing woman and we are in love and she has children. I'm also a mature adult person who makes my own decisions, but because I love you both and want to share this good news with you, I am letting you know. Kthxbai."

Dating a person with children is not without its potential pitfalls, of course—but then, so is dating a person without children. We're all delightful bundles of neuroses! But some of us carry extra bundles that have sprung from our vaginas. It would have been helpful to know WHY you think your parents will be livid. My guesses are: They don't think you're responsible enough; they're concerned that kids will be a drain on their/your resources; they only can love a grandchild that has 50 percent of their DNA; or you have a full-time job wrestling bears. Is it any of those things?

Regardless, you are a mature adult person capable of making your own life choices. If your 'rents are bankrolling those life choices, well, then I suppose they do have a right to be concerned. But it's not reeeeeeally any of their business. If it truly freaks you out, then wait until you are 130 percent sure the rela-

tionship is going somewhere before springing the offspring on them. And take that bear-wrestling job down to part-time status.

**Dear Anna,**  
My first love got married last December. Prior to that, we were engaged for about a year and a half. It didn't work out mainly because my parents didn't accept him due to the difference in our religion. Also, tired of our stagnant relationship, he started to talk to other people. When I found out about it, I was hurt and outraged. He admitted to it and even told me he was seeing someone else and he saw himself marrying her. I moved out and moved on.

Or so I thought. I'm in a happy relationship right now with a really great guy. My ex has been trying to contact me, sending me messages—even before he got married. I didn't reply to a single one of them. Did I mention he asked me to come back to him after we broke up? Which I didn't do, out of fear of going through the same thing with him. I don't regret anything about knowing him. My dilemma is whether to contact him. As strong as I'd like to think I am emotionally, I get nostalgic once in a while. Help!  
—Also Confused

**Dear Also,**  
Don't contact him. Not just because he's a cheating douche (though that definitely is a part of it!), but even from your brief letter I can tell that the grief still is stinging, the sutures not all binding. Ask yourself this: If you were to contact him, do you trust that he would completely respect his relationship and yours? Do you trust yourself? If the answer is even a little tiny bit "no," then don't go there. Spare yourself the Tilt-A-Whirl until you're sure you can be steady in the face of emotional turbulence.

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## THE BAR ON BUENA

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Launched: Feb. 21

**Dishes:** The sriracha-laced Bi Bim Bob (\$12, a play on bi bim bop, with the "Bob" part of the name standing for "Bar on Buena") and the chilaquiles with salsa verde (\$11) are both served with your choice of carnitas, chicken, steak or vegetables.

**Drinks:** The bloody mary (\$7) at this Buena Park bar is made with North Shore Distillery vodka and mezcal, spiced with poblano and guajillo chilis and garnished with chorizo and a salt and ancho chili rim. For a sweeter sipper, opt for the brunch manhattan (\$12) flavored with maple syrup and a maple sugar rim.

**Brunch times:** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. No reservations.

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By Samantha Nelson | FOR REDEYE

**W**e might spring forward this weekend, but winter still has a pretty tight grip on this town. At these eight newly launched brunches—and two more coming soon—hearty hashes, decadent waffles and bubbly cocktails provide all the incentive you'll need to suit up in that big coat and boots one more time.

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## Bar Takito

201 N. Morgan St. 312-888-9485

Launched: Jan. 24

**Dishes:** Latin-inspired options include breakfast tacos (\$12) or an arepa topped with steak, eggs and peanut-chili sauce (\$16). The pambazos (\$12) features a housemade sourdough roll dipped in red guajillo sauce and filled with chorizo, potatoes, eggs, queso fresco and cilantro.

**Drinks:** Whey from the West Loop bar's house-made yogurt is mixed with tequila, aloe liqueur and avocado in the Avocado Shake, while the Applejack Punch blends brandy, allspice liqueur, amaro and honey with blood orange and pomegranate juices (both \$12).

**Brunch times:** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Reservations accepted.

## Seven Lions

130 S. Michigan Ave. 312-880-0130

Launched: Feb. 21

**Dishes:** At Alpina Singh's new Loop restaurant, you can dig into the stuffed French toast (\$11) made from Texas toast layered with cream cheese and strawberry jam, or the duck hash (\$14) featuring slices of duck sausage, roasted potatoes, caramelized onions and green and red pepper confit. Start or finish your meal by sharing goodies from the pastry menu, such as a cranberry-apricot scone (\$3) or a cheese puff (\$4) stuffed with sweet cream cheese and topped with honey-nutmeg glaze.

**Drinks:** The signature bloody mary (\$10) arrives garnished with venison jerky, lemon, lime, celery and a pickle spear. For something lighter,

try the Morning Glory (\$12), a blend of Aperol, sparkling wine, grapefruit juice and club soda.

**Brunch times:** 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Reservations accepted.

## Pinstripes

435 E. Illinois St. 312-527-3140

Launched: Feb. 8

**Dishes:** The \$24 brunch buffet at this Streeterville restaurant/bocce court/bowling alley combo includes made-to-order waffles topped with bananas foster, carving stations serving prime rib and roasted turkey, smoked salmon with bagels, shrimp cocktail, pizza, omelets and a chocolate fountain with skewers of marshmallow and fruit.

**Drinks:** Prepare your own bloody mary (\$5) with an array of garnishes including house-made pickles, tomatoes and cheese, or have a server do it for you.

**Brunch times:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday. Reservations recommended.







Breakfast tacos at Bar Takito

### Luella's Southern Kitchen

4609 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-961-8196

**Launched:** Feb. 8

**Dishes:** At this Ravenswood eatery, the Southern Benedict (\$11) replaces the traditional English muffin with a buttermilk biscuit topped with pork belly and creole hollandaise. Chef Darnell Reed said his personal favorite is the pimento cheeseburger (\$11) served with a sunnyside-up egg on a sesame seed brioche bun with a side of cajun-seasoned fries.

**Drinks:** BYOB or just start your day with a glass of sweet tea made with seasonal fruits such as tangerine or blood orange (\$2).

**Brunch times:** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Reservations accepted only for parties of 10 or more.

### Trophy Room

170 W. Ontario St. 312-600-6920

**Launched:** Feb. 28

**Dishes:** The build-your-own-pizza (\$10) comes with mozzarella, three eggs and your choice of tomato sauce, white sauce or olive oil; you can customize it with extra toppings such as ricotta (\$1), artichokes (\$2) and New York strip steak (\$3). For a sweet start to the day, order a Belgian waffle topped with cashew butter and housemade concord grape preserves (\$10).

**Drinks:** At this River North sports bar, the build-your-own theme extends to the bloody mary, which you can customize with your choice of vodka and then load up with garnishes including sausages and a slice of pizza (\$11-\$13).

**Brunch times:** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Reservations accepted.

### Kokopelli

1324 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-698-7670

**Launched:** Feb. 28

**Dishes:** Fusing Mexican flavors with traditional brunch fare, the menu at this Wicker Park taco shop includes a skillet with eggs, chorizo, beans and salsa (\$9) and telera bread French toast served with your choice of three syrups: mixed berry with lemongrass, plantain-tequila-cajeta or horchata-pina colada (\$9).

**Drinks:** In addition to Mexican coffee (\$8) spiked with tequila, Kahlua and cinnamon, you also can order mimosas made with mango or blood orange puree (\$5).

**Brunch times:** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Reservations accepted.

### Tapworks Tavern & Grill

820 W. Jackson Blvd. 312-682-5898

**Launched:** Feb. 21

**Dishes:** Many dishes at this West Loop bar incorporate beer in some way, including a benedict (\$10.95) made with smoked pulled pork with milk stout barbecue sauce and spicy hollandaise on a jalapeno corn cake, or doughnut holes served with bock caramel sauce (\$6.95).

**Drinks:** The \$1.95 mimosas are the top seller, or stick with the beer theme and order the Red Eye (\$9.95), a glass of Mexican lager with bloody mary mix and lime juice.

**Brunch times:** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. No reservations.

### Charlatan

1329 W. Chicago Ave. 312-818-2073

**Launching:** March 14

**Dishes:** At this West Town restaurant, you can satisfy your sweet tooth with lemon-ricotta pancakes (\$8) served with bourbon maple syrup, lemon zest and milk jam that resembles dulce de leche, or the malted waffle (\$9) topped with pecan crumble, cinnamon butter and amaro whipped cream.

**Drinks:** The Canary in a Coal Mine blends cognac, Fernet Branca amaro and cold-pressed Sparrow coffee, while the Milk and Cookies features milk, bourbon, vermouth and honey with a cookie on the side (both \$10).

**Brunch times:** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Reservations accepted.

### White Oak Tavern & Inn

1200 W. Webster Ave. 773-248-0200

**Launching:** March 28

**Dishes:** Like the rest of the Lincoln Park gastropub's menu, the brunch offerings will focus on simple, ingredient-driven dishes such as house-made bagels with smoked sturgeon, eggs benedict with ham hock confit and coddled duck egg and tamales with black bean puree, pickled onions and dried chilis.

**Drinks:** While the drink menu still is being tinkered with, sure things include a beermosa made with Local Option Outlawger pilsner and pear liqueur, and a spin on a classic greyhound mixed with locally made Koval vodka, vermouth and lemon juice served on the rocks with a smoked sea salt and peppercorn rim.

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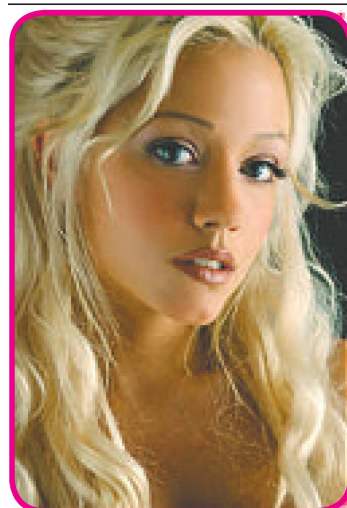
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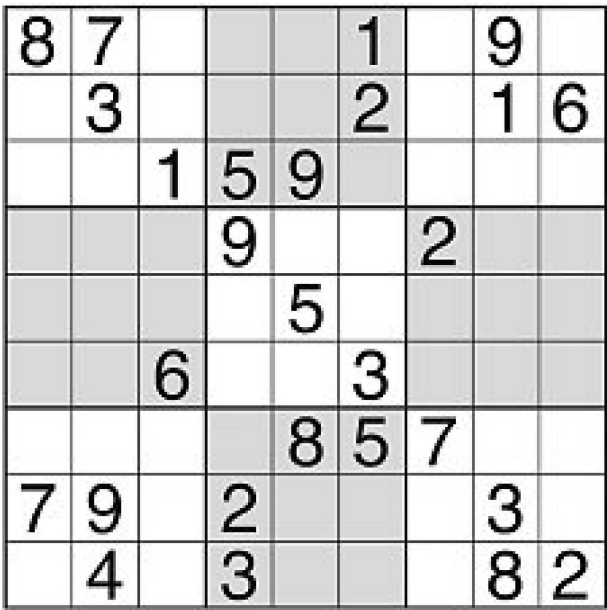
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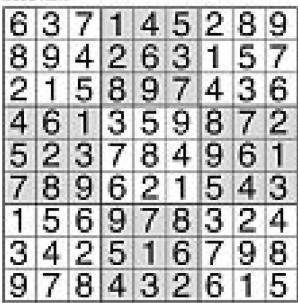
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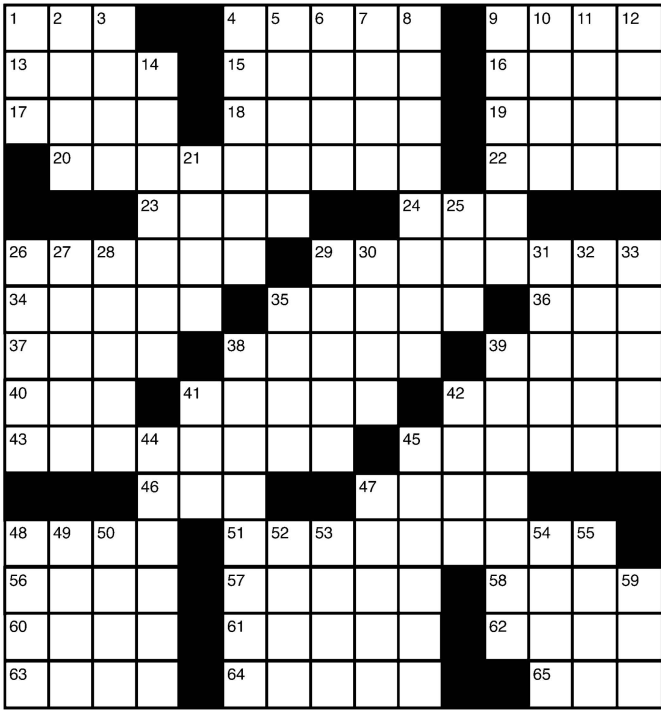


ACROSS

- 1 Little lie  
4 Sandbar  
9 Chaplin persona  
13 Mosquito bite symptom  
15 Consequently  
16 Felled a tree  
17 Laundry soap brand  
18 Pimlico events  
19 Peruse  
20 Absurd  
22 No ifs, \_ or buts  
23 Fido's feet  
24 Ames & Begley  
26 Go skyward  
29 Sad due to lack of companions  
34 \_ up on; investigate  
35 Extend one's subscription  
36 Victory  
37 Break into another's PC  
38 Adjusted a piano  
39 "Gone with the \_"  
40 Actor Wallach  
41 Nourishes  
42 Knight's spear  
43 Thinking only of others  
45 Colored slightly  
46 Home \_; batter's delight  
47 " \_ there, done that"  
48 Like falling \_ log; very easy  
51 Flight \_; one formerly called a stewardess  
56 Sir Guinness  
57 Hockey scores  
58 Grizzly, for one  
60 Greek cheese  
61 Bert's buddy  
62 Apiece  
63 Observes  
64 Pete & Charlie  
65 Excessively

DOWN

- 1 In good shape  
2 "How sweet \_!" (Gleason)  
3 A, \_ F, G...  
4 Clever  
5 Cures  
6 In the past  
7 King beaters  
8 Decreased  
9 Keep bothering  
10 Plow animals  
11 Rosary piece



- 12 Chances  
14 Browbeat  
15 Didn't float  
21 Morning grass blade moisture  
26 Muscle pains  
27 Layered rock  
28 B. DeMille  
29 Gives a loan  
30 Dollar bills  
31 \_ to the fact that;  
32 because  
33 \_ pie; dessert for Christmas, perhaps  
35 Wrapped up  
36 Regrets  
38 Adolescent  
39 Aspirant; hopeful  
41 \_ shot; annual injection  
42 Was dishonest  
44 Noisy fight  
45 Past, present and future  
47 Falsify; conceal  
48 Clumsy people  
49 Run away  
50 Celebration  
52 Spanish bull  
53 Sunbathes  
54 \_ as a pin  
55 Tortilla-fried, filled & folded  
59 Fraternity letter

TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

**1836:** The Alamo in San Antonio fell to the Mexican army after a 13-day siege. All of the defenders, including Davy Crockett, were killed.  
**1981:** Walter Cronkite signed off for the last time as anchor of "The CBS Evening News."  
**1997:** Britain's Queen Elizabeth II launched the first official royal website.  
**2013:** The European Union slapped a \$731 million fine against Microsoft for failing to offer users a choice of Web browser.

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## HOT DATE MARCH 12

That's when Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge—aka The Duchess Formerly Known as **Kate Middleton** (right)—will visit the set of "Downton Abbey," *thr.com* reports. Sadly, she's not actually visiting Highclere Castle, which serves as the show's residence, but Ealing Studios in London, which contains sets for the kitchen and bedrooms. We'll give her a break this time—her second baby is due in April, after all.



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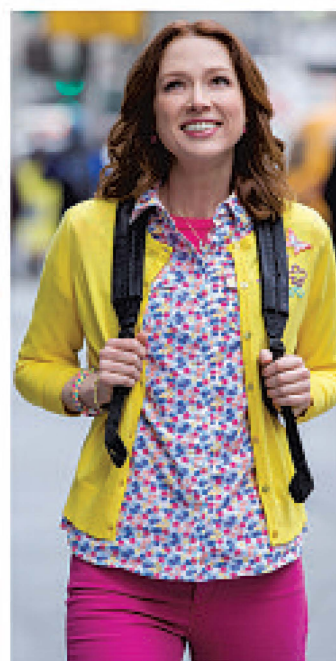
**Dan Stevens** (left) is going from "Downton Abbey" beauty to live-action Beast. He's joining **Emma Watson's** Belle and **Luke Evans' Gaston** in Disney's newest adaptation of the man-turned-beast who must find love in order to break the spell. No word on whether Chip the singing teacup will be joining them—or how good Watson and Stevens' French accents will be.



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### Dark and stormy

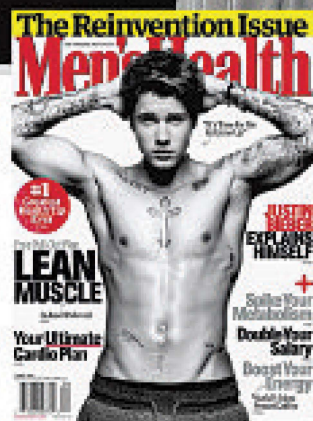
While the movie adaptation of Chicago author Gillian Flynn's "Dark Places" doesn't have an American release date yet, the first trailer has hit the Web—with French subtitles, since it hits theaters there April 8. **Charlize Theron**, **Chloe Grace Moretz**, **Nicholas Hoult** and **Christina Hendricks** take on the key roles in this murder mystery—we'll just have to be patient and see if it's as good as "Gone Girl."



### THE QUOTE

“Kimmy is going to go from wearing pink pants all the time to no pants all the time.”

—**Ellie Kemper**, to *Vulture*, on how her title character on Netflix's "The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt" will evolve from Season 1 to Season 2. The show premieres on the streaming service Friday.



### THE QUOTE

“This has really been a big year for me, as far as figuring stuff out. This is almost like a full 180 from how I was. Yesterday—a year from yesterday—I was in jail.”

—**Justin Bieber**, to *Men's Health*, on the process of growing up in the spotlight. He's on the cover of the mag's April issue.

### No repeats

Yes, **Neil Patrick Harris** saw all your critiques of his hosting turn at the Oscars last month. And no, he's not planning on coming back. "I don't know that my family nor my soul could take it. It's a beast," he told *The Huffington Post*. "It was fun to check off the list, but for the amount of time spent and the understandable opinionated response, I don't know that it's a delightful balance to do every year or even again." Guys, why you gotta pick on NPH?